

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the cancellation of claims 1 - 5, 10, 15-19, 23, 28-35, 40, 41, 45-50, 52, 56-59, and 62.

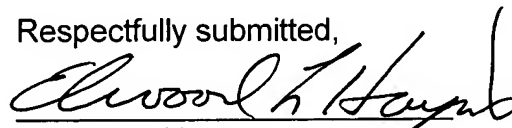
## Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiners statement that claims 6-9, 11-14, 20-22, 24-27, 36-39, 42-44, 51, 53-55, 60, and 61 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 11-13, 20, 24-26, 36, 39, 42, 43, 51, 53, 60, and 61, have been amended accordingly, and are therefore all independent claims. Claims 7-9, 14, 21, 22, 27, 37-38, 44, 54, and 55 are dependent upon one of these newly independent claims, and therefore were not amended.

## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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